City of Hamilton

MINUTES: Waste Reduction Task Force

Wednesday, January 21 2008, 7:00 p.m.

Staybridge Suites

Present: Trisha Branigan-Kilner  Greg Kraatz  Mark McQueen
Jim Sweetman  Peter Hutton  Anton Volcansek
Tom Thompson  Rose Killey  Dan Rodrigues
Grant Ranalli  Paul Barrett  Elaine Jermy
Paula Hamilton

Regrets: Allan Freeman

Also Present: Pat Parker, Manager of Solid Waste Planning, Waste Management Division
Anne Winning, Supervisor of Policy and Planning, Waste Management Division
Adrienne Press, Policy Analyst, Waste Management Division
David Hart Dyke, Public
Margaret Field, Public

1. Approval of the Agenda

An agenda item “Update on Initiatives to Reduce Plastic Bags” was added under item 5 Operations. The agenda was approved as amended.

(Moved by Dan Rodrigues, seconded by Tom Thompson) CARRIED

2. Approval of the Minutes from the December 10th, 2008 Meeting

The Waste Reduction Task Force received a copy of the minutes from the December 10th, 2008 meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

(Moved by Anton Volcansek, seconded by Paul Barrett) CARRIED

3. Administrative Items

a) Chair and Vice Chair Elections

This item is deferred until the February meeting.

b) Results of WRTF Self-Evaluation Form

Results of the self-evaluation survey were presented. Items of concern were highlighted and are to be discussed at the February meeting.

4. Projects

a) Verification of Sub-Committee Memberships

A member of each sub-committee gave a brief description of the scope of the committee. Members were asked to decide if they would like to join a sub-committee by the February meeting.

b) Sub-Committee Updates

Business and Government Liaison Sub-Committee
The sub-committee completed the review of the discussion paper on the Waste Diversion Act and considering new projects.

Education & Communication Sub-Committee

Eco-schools received special recognition at City Council in December. Cathedral High School is participating in the “One Million Acts of Green”. Catholic School Board Environmental Committee Members are encouraging classes to participate in tours of the CCF learning room.

Multi-Residential, Commercial and Institutional Waste Sub-Committee

58% of all buildings have been implemented (8,300 units). The participation survey indicated that approximately 73 of 136 buildings were participating (setting out their green carts at least once in a two week period). A1 zone had the highest participation while B1 had the lowest. 64% of buildings implemented are participating in the recycling program.

b) Glanbrook Landfill Co-ordinating Committee

There have not been any meetings since the November GLCC meeting.

c) SWMMP Steering Committee

The Steering Committee has held two (2) meetings since the last WRTF meeting, on December 16 and January 21.

At the December meeting staff made a presentation on the One Campaign. The issue of the delay in appointment of new WRTF members was raised and Councillor Powers will speak to Clerks to try to streamline the system.

At the January meeting staff made a presentation on the reduction in plastic bag initiative (which will be presented at this meeting). Staff has met with Councillor Collins regarding the blue box alternatives and this will go back to Steering Committee in March.

5. Operations

a) Budget

Staff indicated that the Committee of the Whole will be holding public delegations on the budget tomorrow.

Currently there is a budget shortfall in Waste Management of approximately $2 million due to declining recycling revenues.

b) 2008 Year in Review

Staff made a presentation on the Waste Management Division’s 2008 year in review. Major items of discussion include the 2008 accomplishments, progress toward 65% diversion, communications and looking ahead.

c) Update on Initiatives to Reduce Plastic Bags

Staff made a presentation on reducing the use of plastic shopping bags – update on findings. The presentation included ongoing initiatives.

Options will be considered by the Steering Committee on February 11. The WRTF will let Peter know their position to take to the Steering Committee.

6. Other Business

A suggestion was made to go to a paperless meeting and post the agenda on screen.

7. Public Discussion

A public member expressed concern that a one bag limit may cause more illegal dumping of garbage.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

(Moved by Anton Volcansek and seconded by Peter Hutton that the meeting be adjourned). CARRIED
Copies to: All present
Regrets
SWMMP Waste Reduction Task Force Binder Distribution List
Scott Stewart, General Manager, Public Works Department
Glanbrook Landfill Coordinating Committee c/o Craig Murdoch, Waste Management Division
City Clerks Division, c/o Carolyn Biggs, Lisa Barroso